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204 N. Commerce Street  
Centreville  
private

c. 4th quarter 18th century  
c. 4th quarter 19th century

204 North Commerce Street, Centreville, is a combination of an early gambrel roof vernacular dwelling with a fine small townhouse addition on the street front in the Queen Anne style. The original structure is a typical five bay long frame building with a central stair passage and two room plan. The addition of the late 19th century appears to have a stair hall and parlor plan. It has very good detail from the Queen Anne style.

## INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

John Sause Law Office

**2 LOCATION**

STREET &amp; NUMBER

204 North Commerce Street

☒ not for publication

CITY, TOWN

Centreville

VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

1st

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Queen Anne's

**3 CLASSIFICATION**

## CATEGORY

☐ DISTRICT☒ BUILDING(S)☐ STRUCTURE☐ SITE☐ OBJECT

## OWNERSHIP

☐ PUBLIC☒ PRIVATE☐ BOTH

## PUBLIC ACQUISITION

☐ IN PROCESS☐ BEING CONSIDERED☐ not applicable

## STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED☐ UNOCCUPIED☐ WORK IN PROGRESS

## ACCESSIBLE

☒ YES: RESTRICTED☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED☐ NO

## PRESENT USE

☐ AGRICULTURE☐ MUSEUM☒ COMMERCIAL☐ PARK☐ EDUCATIONAL☐ PRIVATE RESIDENCE☐ ENTERTAINMENT☐ RELIGIOUS☐ GOVERNMENT☐ SCIENTIFIC☐ INDUSTRIAL☐ TRANSPORTATION☐ MILITARY☐ OTHER:**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

John W. Sause, Jr.

Telephone #:

STREET &amp; NUMBER

204 North Commerce Street

CITY, TOWN

Centreville

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland 21617

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE,

REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Queen Anne's County Courthouse

Liber #:

Folio #:

STREET &amp; NUMBER

Courthouse Square

CITY, TOWN

Centreville

STATE

Maryland

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

**7 DESCRIPTION**

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CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE ?
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED
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DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Sause Office located at 204 North Commerce Street is a frame building composed of two early discernible structures. The street front is a two story three bay structure with side hall and parlor plan with a beautifully detailed one-story porch. The rear wing is a five bay long gambrel roof frame structure at right angles to the street.

The street facade of the building is along the lines of a Queen Anne style building, with pediment over the entry of the porch. In the pediment is a sun burst motif. The porch posts are carved and the balusters are turned. There are chamfered brackets between the posts and a gallery below the header.

The facade of the building has a door with sidelights and transom on the south and an angled bay window with four 2/2 sash windows. On the second story, the bay window is squared off. In the facade there are two 2/2 sash windows and on the narrow sides are 1/1 sash windows each. Above, the roof terminates in a pediment. On the 2nd floor, above the entrance, is a single 2/2 sash window with louvered blinds.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

## CONTINUATION SHEET

## 7.1 DESCRIPTION

On the north gable are two six-pane casements high in the wall. On the second story is a single 2/2 sash window with louvered blinds. In the attic, the smaller 2/2 sash has no blinds.

The gambrel wing is flush with the north wall of the building and is covered with beaded weatherboard. There are four 9/9 light windows with a small 6/6 window off center, apparently occupying the position of the former back door. Adjacent the center window is a cellar bulkhead. On the lower slope of the roof are three 6/6 sash windows with shed roof. The height of the top pitch of the roof and general form are comparable to the former Clough house near Price. Both chimneys are located within the gable of the wing.

The east gable has 2 4/4 sash windows on the second story.

There is some question as to whether this earlier structure is on its original site. It would be impossible to determine without a closer look at the building; however, interior access has been denied.

## PERIOD

## AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW

<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION
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		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

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**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

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**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY \_\_\_\_\_

**VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION**

**LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES**

STATE

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**11 FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME / TITLE

**Michael O. Bourne, Historic Sites Surveyor**

ORGANIZATION

**Queen Anne's County Historical Society**

STREET & NUMBER

DATE

**8/31/83**

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

**Centreville**

STATE

**Maryland**

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

The Survey and Inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

RETURN TO: Maryland Historical Trust  
The Shaw House, 21 State Circle  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401  
(301) 267-1438

# BUSINESS REFER- CDS.

County Commissioners.  
Clerk of County Comals  
Clerk of Queen Anne Co.  
Deputy Clerk of Queen Anne

County Registrar of Wills,  
- Surveyor.  
President of School Board,  
of County Almshouse.  
Justice of the Peace.  
Master and Ex-Editor.

# OWN, Attorneys-at-Law.

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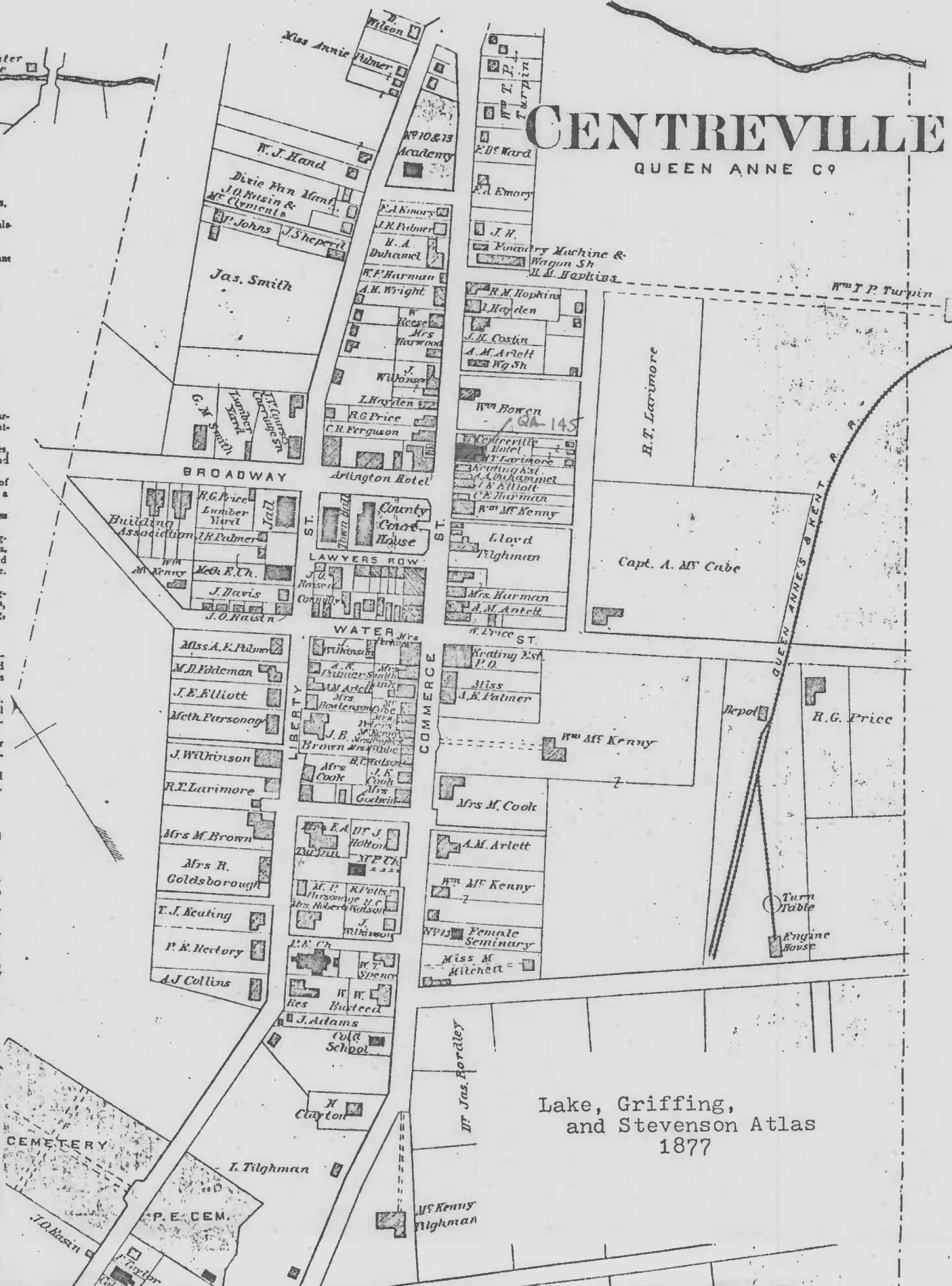
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John Sause  
Law Office

Mary McCarthy  
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          Centreville, Maryland  
          James W. Valliant, Spring 1973  
          View from Northeast



QA-145 John Sause Law Office  
Centreville, Maryland  
James W. Valliant, Spring 1973  
North facade



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          N. Commerce St.  
          Centreville  
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